WEEK TO COME. The annual invitation ball of Company C (Contintal Guard), 8th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., was held Monday evening at West End Hall. The regiment is said to be the only one that has had a continuous existence since 1786, the year it was organized, and the only one still existing which took part in the first Washington inaugural ceremonies. Company C represents the oldest company organization in the regiment and has a membership of ninety-five. The committee of arrangements for Monday evening's ball consisted of First Sergeant John E. Hanson, chairman; Quartermaster-Sergeant Robert B. Simms, Corporal William Raphael, Sergeant William Ecken-felder, Corporal William R. Derr and Privates Philip Gerety, William H. Farley, Jacob Munzing and Charles W. Stroppel. The principal officers of the company are Alexander T. Mason captain, and Henry L. Camman first lieutenant. Dancing began at 10 o'clock, and at 12:30 refreshments were served. Over 100 couples were in attendance. Among those present were ex-Captain George T. Fielding, ex-First Lieutenant Thomas E. Fraser, Lieutenant M. E. Tomp-kins, of the 11th Regiment; Lieutenant-Colonel Schilling, Captain David P. Arnold, Quartermaster-Sergeant F. B. Ridabock, and representatives of varions military organizations in New-York and Brook-

The second monthly reception of the Harlem Yacht Club for the season of 1890 was held at Turn Hall. No. 211 East Twenty-fourth-st., on the same evening This is one of the most popular organizations in Harlem and the entertainment drew a large attend ance. The hall was beautifully and clabdecorated with the club colors and emblems, and the name of the organi-Eation should in gas jets over the musicians' stand.

Members of the Yorkville and Columbia Yacht Clubs, the Atalanta Boat Club and the Pavonia and New-Jersey Yacht Clubs were among the guests. Over 200 couples took part in the opening march, which was led by Commodore James F. Lalor and Mrs. John Lalor. The committee of arrangements was posed of Thomas J. Hendry, William Hyde, Robert Muir, George Wass and Mortimer P. Lec. A few of the many present were Philip Steinecker, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hutchins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchinson, Edward Fitzgerald, Ernest Sultzer, John Conk-lin, Robert Paton, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ebermeyer, Frederick Prager and Miss Marie Prager, Ernest O. Bernet, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. James Farrell, J. J. Roth, the Misses Roth, Mr. and Mrs. John Brummer and Miss Julia Brummer, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. McLane, Mrs. J. B. Shepard, Mr. and Mrs. George M. McLane, Miss M. Reed, Miss Lalor, Miss Mabel St. Clair, Miss Addie Dieckman, Miss Kate Ynengling and Miss Nellie Quirk.

A fair, to last ten days, for the benefit of Shiloh Baptist Church, No. 122 East One-hundred-andtwenty-sixth-st., was opened on Monday evening with a farge attendance. Tuesday night a Japanese Tea Party was the leading feature. The officers of the fair are Mrs. William Robinson, president; Mrs. A. T. Bell, vice-president; Miss Callwood, secretary; Sarah Shilo, treasurer; general sommittee, Misse, Julia Porter, Alice Coleman, C. Brown, M. Bird, C. Bonner, Mrs. J. W. Hill, Mrs. O. Henry, Mrs. Talbert Thompson, Mrs. W. Straight, W. Green J. K. Bagwell, Mrs. M. Griffin, Misses Susie Roane 1. Kuhl, B. Williams, J. Coldman, Mrs. Watson Mrs. M. Bruce, Mrs. A. Edwards, Mrs. A. A. Frasier, Minnie Collier, M. Witsell, A. Murray, A. Jacobs, Johnson, R. Hill, J. Hodges and C. C. Chamberlain. The sale of goods has thus far been large, and a considerable sum will be realized for the benefit of the church, of which the Rev. J. W. Hill is the

The members of the Aurania Athletic Social Club gave a theatre party on Monday evening to see the Kendals in "A Scrap of Paper." President George Miss Gertle Wilson, William Smith, Miss Edith Harris, David Allen, Miss May Balley, Charles Kienle, Mis-Burr, George Wilson, Miss Lizzie Brady, Ernest Tanscher, Miss Tauscher, George Donnelly, Donnelly, Harry Levy and Miss Levy were of the

One of the most successful affairs ever conducted by Eureka Council No. 417, American Legion of onor, was the ninth annual entertainment and re ception given at Association Hall, One handred and twenty-ninth-st. and Tenth-ave., on Wednesday even-ing. Before 8 o'clock the large hall was completely filled and the musical and literary entertainment which preceded the dancing was greatly enjoyed. Those taking part in the entertainment were Libble Winch, Miss Lizzie Wendling, the Euterpe Choral Society, B. H. Janssen, the Lyric Zither Club, Adrian Plate and W. Koehler. A short address was made by C. A. L. Goldev, deputy supreme commander. Cornell; vice-commander, George A. Henckel; orator, Edmund Schnabel; past commander, John H. Scarde | Crescent Rowing Club. field : secretary, William W. Bisland : collector, Charle E. Reid; treasurer, Nathaniel Wygant; guide, Thomas Wilson; chaplain, Edgar Yeury; warden, William Ganter; sentry, Edward Bessinger. The march was Charles E. Reid and Miss Lottie Crowley ing the large number present were Mr. and Mr. John Cornell, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Henckel, Mr and Mrs. John W. Scardefield, Frank H. Scardofield Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Schnabel, Thomas Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Bisland, Edgar Yeury, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Acker man, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick New, Mr. and Mrs Christopher Rublen, Robert Mason, the Misses Scardefield, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ord, Miss Tillie Davi-Miss Edna Berry, Harry Leggett, Bohod, Month Edna Berry, Harry Leggett, Robert Morrison, Misses Tessie and Aggie Heirer, Miss Florence Evelyn Cooper and Miss Wendling.

The thirteenth anniversary of the Industrial School

of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, One-handredand-twenty-first-st. and Madison-ave., was celebrated Thursday night. The exercises took place in the church, in the presence of a large audience, and consisted of singing and recitations by the children, a brief address by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. S. H. Virgit

brief address by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. S. H. Virgin, and a talk about cooking by Mrs. J. S. Augur, superintendent of the giris' department of the school. Articles made by the boys of the school were shown, and there was a handsome display by the class in millinery. Following the exercises refreshments were served to the chidren in the charch parlors, and a sale of the articles took place.

The annual reorganization of the Harlem Branch, X. M. C. A., took place hast week. The following the cofficers were chosen for the year: Chairman, Lucien C. Warner; vice-chairman, Wilhiam H. Sage; treasurer, John H. Allen; recording secretary, James B. Gallagher; and secretary-in-charge, L. C. Shuey. The average attendance during the past year has been for a top of the usual baseball, tennis and rowing clubs.

are already being made for the spring arthreas, by the formation of the usual baseball, tennis and rowing clubs.

One of the most noteworthy occurrences of the social season previous to Lenl will be the entertainment and reception of the Harlem Republican Club, at Harlem Opera House Hail, on Thesday evening. The Entertainment Committee consists of John F. Reynolds, chairman; Silas C. Croft, treasurer; Chārles Rhode, secretary; Samael Cleland and Charles A. Clin ton. Reception Committee—Andrew W. Underhill, James A. Calvin, William Dunning, Hervey C. Calkin, James A. Calvin, William Dunning, Hervey C. Calkin, James A. Cryan, Harry W. Hell, J. L. Valentine, R. L. Sweezy, L. Frederick Dodd, Jared Lockwood, Thomas Wright, A. Norton Brockway, M. D., Charles D. Baker, J. Henry Hoffman, Robert Campbell, J. E. Houghton, M. W. Emmons, H. Wheeler Combs. Abraham Steers, John Carr, Roland Tracy, John A. Butler, John J. Sperry, Philip B. Low, Charles Appleby, James H. Bogari, Washington Winsor, William H. Caldwell, George B. Brown, William H. Shaw, A. A. Dunham, Daniel Putney, Richard Taylor, Pixlee Judson, Walter S. Price, W. E. S. Tillson, J. Trumbull Smith, W. I. K. Kendrick, Henry C. Harney, James M. O'Dell, Floor Committee—Charles A. Clinton, Richard D. Brown, Charles T. Leonard, George Smith Blampey, Frederick De Wolf Ives, Charles W. Lindsley, Prees Committee—John H. Van De Carr, Henry C. Roblinson, Andrew B. Humphrey, Richard K. Owens, John S. Van Gelder, O. P. Shaffer, Thomas J. Worman, The stare entertainment, which will begin at So'clock, will be funnished by Mrs. Carrie Hun-Sieg. John S. Van Gelder, O. P. Shaffer, Thomas J. Worman, The stace entertainment, which will begin at a c'clock, will be furnished by Mrs. Carrie Hun-King. Walter Pelham, the Schumann Mule Quartet, W. H. Rieger and Perv Averill, with George W. Colly a musical director. Duncing will begin at 10 o'clock, and refreshments will be served at that hour for those who do not care to remain for the reception, and for the dancers supper will be again served at midnight. Caesar Leonardi, the club steward, will be the caterer. Preparations are being made for the entertainment of 1,000 guests.

A TRAGIC MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

WHAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE MURDER SHOWN TO BE SUICIDE.

dead in East One-hundred-and-twenty-eighth-st, with a bullet in his brain on Thursday night, committed suicide. His body was recognized yesterday at the Morgue by Augusta Heinrichs, a young German woman who is employed as a servant at No. 364 West She said the dead man was Alex-Twenty-second-st. ander Nokel, age twenty-two. He formerly was a sailor, but lately he had been employed by a butcher in First-ave. His brother, George Nokel, was employed in the same shop. Alexander had a room at ago, and on Wednesday night, when he went to visit after which an admirable ball programme will be served.

Augusta, he was despondent. He asked her to go to

Central Park with him and commit suicide. She told im he must be crazy to think of such a thing. On Friday she received the following note, which he had

mailed before shooting himself:

My Dear Augusta: I feel sorry that everything goes against me. Farewell! I give up everything for you. Be truthful and you will go through this world an right. You are the only one I love. I will meet you in the next world.

ALEXANDER NOKEL.

TOPICS OF CURRENT TALK. The membership of the Hamilton Republican Club, seventh-ave, and One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st., is increasing rapidly, now numbering over 250. The Literary Club of the orgalization has over seventy-five

nembers enrolled. The Harlem Club passed some vigorous resolutions The Harlem Club passed some vigorous resolutions last week favoring Federal control of Congressional elections, indorsing Speaker Reed, and pronouncing in favor of ballot reform for the State and rapid transit for the northern part of the city. The Republicanism of the Harlem Club is of the stanch kind, and many of its members are outspeaken in their approval of The Tribune's course regarding the World's Fair.

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The blasting of rocks is a terror to the average Harlem nouscholder, who, living near the scene of the constant explosions, sees the wails of his dwelling cracking apart as each blast goes oil.

Generally speaking, Harlem streets, compared with those in the lower part of the city, are free from dirt. There are some thoroughtares, however, that could be improved by the Justicious ase of the "new broom," and not a few property-owners and others are waiting with some curosity to see what Mr. Loomis will do for the upper districts.

The fourth annual reception of "The Lenox" is to be held at "The Ellersite," No. 80 West One-hundred and-twenty-sixth-st., on Thursday evening of this week.

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Justice Harrett has appointed William H. Wills, Samuel Milbank and Arthur Ingram as a commission to appraise property for the confination of the southern isoalevard Company's line. The property to be appraised beings to the Paul spation estate.

The Society for Improving the Condition of the Poor has lately established a branch at Lexington-ave., near one-hundred and-twenty fifth-st. The society will hold a public meeting at Mount Morris inaptist Church, on the evening of February 27 at 8 o'clock.

The literary society of the East Eighty-sixth-st, branch of the Young Men's Christian Association held its first annual dinner at its hall on Friday evening. Addresses were made by Frank R. Crumble, Charles H. Schnelle, A. Branning, A. Godfrey, D. O. Shelton, E. W. H. Read, A. C. Howe, J. Aspinwall Hodge and others.

The third append hall of the Potomac Social Club.

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The third annual ball of the Potomae Social Club will be held at the West End Assembly Rooms on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. F. W. Leggett and Miss Leggett, of No. 51 East One-hundred and twenty-sixth-st., held their last reception before Lent on Friday, from three to 6 o'clock and from 8 to 12 o'clock p. m. They were assisted in receiving their many guests by Miss Gray. Miss Reid, Miss Tucker and Miss Davis. Many prominent people called during the afternoon and evening.

The Harlem Club has decided not to amend its constitution so as to allow a reduction in the initiation fee from 8100 to \$25. The proposition to increase the yearly dues from \$30 to 840 will come up at the next regular meeting. March 5.

The second mibile relearsal and concert of the Harlem Philharmonic Society, will take place March 4.

The St. Valentine festival for the Church of the Archangel, netted over \$500.

Mrs. W. H. Longfellow, No. 222 East One-hundred and-twenty-third-st., gave her hisband a birthday party last night.

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IN THE ANNEXED DISTRICT.

ATHLETES PREPARING FOR SUMMER CON TESTS-SOCIAL FESTIVITIES.

The athletic clubs which have grounds in the Annexed District are beginning to make preparation for renewed activity in the spring. The Lerkeley Oval at Morris Dock will be improved by the con struction of drains, which will, it is hoped, prevent necessity of playing games in six inches of m as the Yale and Princeton football teams did last Thanksgiving Day. The grounds are picture-sque and well situated if the defective drainage can be remedied. The bicycle riders, A. B. Rich, W. Class, L. Clark, A. B. Banker, and C. Campbell are training under the direction of William Troy and are preparing for summer trip to England.

The Columbia College athletes and their friends have ecceded in raising (we-thirds of the \$25,000 which they desire to use in fitting up the new grounds at hundred and sixty first st. for the use of the students. The grounds cannot be obtained until May 1, but as soon as that day arrives work will A track for running and other sports wil be constructed, a baseball and football field graded, and tennis courts but out. The work of impro ment will occupy a large part of the summer and the new grounds will probably be of little use to the students until next fall. The success in obtaining a place for out-of-door sports has greatly strengthened the athletic spirit among the students.

The rowing clubs which have boat houses along the Harlem are showing new activity now that the balls and receptions of the winter season are almost over. Oarsmen are already seen on the river and practice. which has scarcely been interrupted by inclemes weather, will now be more actively pursued. A crew of the Union Club was out in the six-cared barge a few A new double-scull gig and a new The officers of Eureka Council are; Commander, John
Cornell, vice-commander, George A. Henckell, orator.
Whitehall boat have been added to the outfit of the

Another plan for using the Jerome Park grounds is under consideration. Colonel Laurence hip and his associates are preparing, it is said, to form driving club to use the ground. The club-house, unde this plan, will be kept open throughout the year

The athletic clubs who have cross-country runs find the fields and roads in the Twenty fourth Ward well fitted for their use and many of the practice runs are now held in this district instead of or the Jersey side of the Hadson River. Almost ever Sunday scantilly-dressed runners are seen along the roads near Van Cortlandt Park. Members of the American Athletic Club had a cross-country run starting from Rakroad-ave, and One hundred and thirty-fifth st. on Toursday night.

The baseball team of the Suburban Republican Club will have grounds for use in regular practice th summer. The Irving and the Suburian teams have made arrangements to use afternately the grounds in Crotona Park. The Irving Club will use the field in May, July and September and the Suburian Club in The Powhattan Club concert and reception of

Wednesday evening called together a large number of the young people of the Annexed District. The con cert was under the direction of George Friedges glee club, Miss Sandmeyer, Miss Lee and J. B. Hill, and a quarter of club members, furnished vocal must The glee club consists of the following: First tenor J. B. Hill, William Armstrong, Frederick Smith, Charle Epping; second tenor-John Baur, William Berbert, F Ruppert, R. A. Blank, first bass-Theodore Emes Joseph Siebert, A. M. Thompson, Augustus Baur second bass-C. Eardes, William R. Hultz, E. D. Stev ker, C. Hanr.

The hall was handsomely decorated, and after the concert the room was prepared for dancing, which kept the guests entertained until nearly dawn. present officers of the club are William H. Zeltner

present officers of the club are William H. Zeltner, president; Colonel F. A. Schilling, recording secretary; J. Siebert, corresponding secretary; A. M. Thompson, financial secretary; G. N. Reinhard; treasurer; T. Carrigan, sergeant-at-arms. The arrangement committee for the entertailment consisted of J. H. J. Ronner, John M. Bigglo, Andrew J. Hall, William Armstrong and J. B. Hill. The guests were received by a committee composed of Joseph Picard, chairman; James A. Lyon, Hugo Maul, John Massimno, D. Norz, Joseph Nimphius, Otto Certel, E. Rodecker, J. Rodermand, Carl Randrup, John Monaghan, L. F. schneider, Harry Smith, James H. Spelman, A. M. Ullman, Edward Wood and John S. Tohin.

The remarkable proposition made by Senator Ives in a bill which he offered in the senate last week, that land should be taken by the Mayor and city authorities, at Fordham Heights, so that the New York and Northern Railroad might have more room for a depot, was discussed with interest by the dwelfers along the line of the road last week. The railroad has a series of inconvenient, and in some cases insightly structures as stations, and the managers seem to think that land must be given them before they will make improvements. Every request for additional conveniences made to the managers is met by the suggestion that the pairons of the road should do something. The proposal to use the power of the State for the beneat of the corporation is, however, a new one, and the attempt will probably not be successful.

The Merry Five Association, which includes among its members some of the active Tammany politicians of the Twenty-third Ward, gave a successful ball at Grove Hill Hall on Taesday evening. The present officers of the association are Captain W. A. Houten burch, president; P. J. McCormack, vice-president. Charles Roden, imanical secretary, Joseph J. Gaffiney, recording severary; outo Markhausen, trasurer; and John S. Leigh, sergeant at args.

The final average scores in the bowling tournament which closed at the schnorer Club hous

the six games.

The Kingsbridge Republican Club has received \$100 as the proceeds of the concert given by the club a few weeks ago. At a meeting of the cirt, last week prizes were given to Walter Earl, D. Sisco and David Blatr, who had sold a large number of tickets for the concert.

Concert.

The Harlem Republican Cinb have completed all the arrangements for its entertainment in the Harlean Opera Hall on Tuesday evening. The entertainment will be divided into three parts, the first of which will be a stage entertainment of about two hours, beginning at 8 o'clock. Then support will be served.

OUR BIG SISTER CITY.

AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

Gossip of the Clubmen-Politics and Politicians-News from the

Armories-Naval Notes-A Mystery Explained-Items of General Interest.

PROMINENT PUBLIC MEN. union of all the forces favoring good government and the triumphant election of the reform Mayor.

RIPLEY ROPES.

of Ripley Ropes, ex-Alderman, ex-Supervisor, ex-City Works Commissioner, and at present a member of the State Board of Charities. His name is a synonym for uprightness in the discharge of public and private trusts, and his constant warfare upon fraud and corruption has made him the dread of men who make a trade of politics and plunder the people under the guise of protecting heir interests.

In his efforts to serve the people of Brooklyn, Mr. Ropes has done work which he says he could not have been hired to do for \$50,000 a year, but which he freely did in the effort to discharge the duties which he believed fell to his share as one of the community called to consider matters vitally affecting its welfare. Many thousand of dollars have been saved to the taxpayers of Kings County for many a year by the work Mr. Ropes has done in supervising charitable



RIPLEY ROPES

Ripley Ropes is now almost threescore years and ten, having been born in Salem, Mass., in the summer of 1820. His family was one of those identified with the early growth of New-England institutions, and he was the youngest of five brothers. Each in turn served a carrier's route for a Salem newspaper. He followed the business from the age of ten until he was fifteen, and then learned a trade. Later he went South and engaged in business, afterward returning to Salem. where he lived until 1863. He served his native town in various official capacities, and was at one time acting Mayor. At the age of forty-three he removed to Brooklyn and in partnership with his brother, Reuben W. Ropes, engaged in the South Ameri can trade in New-York, in which they are still MR. ROPES AND THE REFORM MOVEMENT.

In 1872, when see reform movement first gained headway in Brooklyn, Mr. Ropes was induced by his fellow Republicans of the First Ward to become their candidate for Alderman lie gave close attention to public affairs and disregarded party lines, believing that municipa matters should be settled without strict attention to partisanship. His course so commended itself to both parties that he was re-elected without opposition in 1874. At that time the Aldermen also served as Supervisors, and he was brought publican cardidate for Controller, but was defeated by William Burrell. At the close of his second term in the Common Council in that year a resolution was offered by Deman Strong, which expressed in an emphatic manner the esteem and appreciation of his associates for his work. In 1877 Governor Lucius Robinson appointed

Mr. Ropes a member of the State Board of Com-missioners of Public Charities, to fill an unexpired term, and be was subsequently appointed for a full term by Governor Cornell in 1881. It was in this position that he was enabled to do much good work for Kings County. He found the victors and degrading system of outdoor relief in full blast. The Board of Estimate set apart \$100,000 annually to relieve the necessities of the poor. The city was hivided into four districts, each with a bureau of clerks and visitors, who drew \$4 a day the year round, although they worked only seventy lays. The system was rapidly pauperizing the community, and most of the provisions and coal went to those who did not need them.

Mr. Ropes went before the Board of Estimate and had one-half of the amount that had been before appropriated stricken off in one year, agree ing to become responsible if any difficulty arose, and the following year had the remaining \$5.0,000 stricken from the appropriations, and the vicious system was abolished. In five years the sum d \$700,000 had been expended needlessly. his matter alone at least \$1,680,000 has been saved to the taxpayers of Kings County in the last twelve years by Mr. Ropes's action. In other counties of the State unsuccessful efforts mye been made to break up the same pauperizing system, but only Mr. Ropes has thus far

ABUSES IN COUNTY AFFALRS REMOVED. He also accomplished much in the way of reform in the care of the county charges in the almshouse, charity hospital, and county insane sylum. Under the old Board of seven Commisioners, large sums of money were squandered and the inmates of the institutions were subjected to outrageous and abusive treatment. Mr. Ropes threw light upon the actions of the Commissioners so effectively that their in this city, and all negotiations were cut short. Commissioners so effectively that their very names became a reproach in the community. The number of Commissioners was reduced to three by a new law, and their appointment was vested in the Supervisor-at-Large. The menguity of corrupt and ningal practices were inducted and broaght to trul, but escaped punishment by legal technicalities.

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By the reform methods the expenses of main-taining the charitable work of the county were reduced by one-half, and for the money spent a full equivalent was readered. Mr. Ropes has not ceased his interest in the unfortunate in-mates of the county institutions, and exercises a careful supervision over them. In the holiday season they are remembered by gifts of fruit and confectionery. His term as State Charites Com-missioner expired last year, but Governor Hill has not appointed his successor, although he has expressed a desire to be relieved from the duties of the office.

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In 1881 Mr. Ropes was nominated as the citizens' candidate for Mayor of Brooklyn at a mass-meeting in the Rink, at which Mr. Beecher made a stirring speech, and he accepted. The Young Republican Club, of which Seth Low was a member, assured him of its support. But the efforts made to induce the Republican nominating convention to make Mr. Ropes its candidate failed and Geograph Tracy was nominated by it.

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There were likewise two Democratic candidates in the field. Efforts were made to bring about a union of the Republicans and those who sought non-partisanship in municipal affairs. Mr. Ropes succeeded in inducing Mr. Low to consent to become the candidate if both he and General Tracy withdraw. Then put a recting of his numerical withdrew. Then at a meeting of his supporters in the Academy of Music Mr. Ropes withdrew his own name and presented that of Mr. Low, and General Tracy did the same at the Republican City Convention. The result was a example.

IN THE CITY WORKS DEPARTMENT. Mr. Ropes had pledged himself to aid Mr. Low The name of no man is more identified with in every way, and the latter called upon him securing municipal reform in Brooklyn than that to redeem his promise by accepting the office of Commissioner of City Works. Mr. Ropes was at the head of the Brookyn Trust Company at the time, and had succeeded in rehabilitating its time, and had succeeded in rehabilitating its fortunes, which were at a low ebb when he took charge of it in 1873, and he hesitated to add to his labors. He finally agreed to help Mr. Low by taking the office for three months, and at the end of that time surrendered his duties in the trust company to remain until the close of Mr. Low's first term.

He introduced many reform methods in the administration of the affairs of this department and succeeded in cutting down expenses by a large amount. Mayor Low desired him to remain during his second term, but his services were

amount. Mayor Low desired him to remain during his second term, but his services were needed by the trust company, and he returned to his office in it, which he still holds. The company under his management has become the most prosperous in the city, and its stock is quoted at 420. The confidence felt in the unimpeachable integrity of Mr. Ropes has mainly contributed to the success of the institution.

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Mr. Ropes has taken no active part in public affairs in the city since he retired from Mayor Low's cabinet, but has maintained a deep interest in all that occurs. He believes that the time is ripe for a complete reform in the methods of the politicians in control of the Republican party, with which, in the main, he affiliates. He thinks that things are now as bad as they can be, and that a change for the better is impending, and is indicated by the tone and temper of the people.

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Mr. Ropes has a strong admiration for Seth Low, who was a boy in his Sunday-school class in the Church of the Saviour, and under whom he was glad to serve the city. Mayor Low said of him: "It has always seemed to me a noteworthy evidence of his large-mindedness that he was willing to accept the position of Commissioner of City Works under so young a man as myself. It was an act, not only of genaine friendship, but of great public spirit. He was, easily, the most efficient Commissioner of City Works the city has ever had, and I think no one man contributed more than he to whatever of success and repute attaches to my own administration as Mayor."

Mr. Ropes cherishes as one of his choicest treasures a letter sent to him by Mayor Low when he retired from the department. Mr. Ropes has lived for the last twenty-three years at No. 40 Pierrepontst, near the homes of Dr. Storrs, Samuel McLean, the late S. B. Chittenden and the late H. B. Claffin. H. B. Claffin.

AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

Berger & Price will present for the pleasure of the patrons of the Lee Avenue Academy of Music this week Professor Herrmann, with the mystification and number of new features have been added to his ntertainment this season, increasing its attractive The regular evening and matinee performances

At Colonel Sinn's Park Theatre Nat. C. Goodwin will be seen this week in "A Gold Mine," in which he enacts the part of Silas K. Wolcott. The play adapted to his abilities and he is supported i y a competent company. The engagement is for only. "A Gold Sline," will be followed starm of "Little Lord Fauntieroy" to the

Theatre, iss Marie Wainwright will be seen as Viola in eifth Night" at the Amphion this week, a Saturday night and afternoon a "Washington's day Jubilee Festival" will be given at the emy of Music, under the direction of Leonard er, jr. Gilmore's band, Professor Gromwell, the soft the churcles of st. John, st. Paul and the emer, and several other people are on the prome, which also promises a number of interesting particular tableany vivants.

GENERAL CONTEMPT FOR A WOULD BE JOKER A " great joke" was perpetrated at the Consolidated stock and Petroleum Exchange yesterday. The wag stividual estimate. The character of the joke cannot be disputed. Fictitious advertisements were inserted in several morning papers, drased in the most at tractive style of language, for a typewriter to be employed by M. Mendham, who occupies an office in the Consolidated Endling. There were numerous applicants for employment at Mr. Mendham's office in the early boars of the day. Mr. Mendham at first was overwhelmed at the prespect of meeting numberless bandsome girls, but he soon railred and sent word to like secretary to dismiss the waiting crowd and pay the carfair of these who came from any great distance. The universal opinion among the members of the Consolidated Exchance and Wall street people who heard of the incident was one of contempt for the perpetrators of the alleged joke. be disputed. Fictitions advertisements were inserted

DOCTOR MEREDITH'S GRANDDAUGHTER.

A pleasant little incident occurred at the Tompkins The ordinance of baptism was to be observed. The people of that church seem to think that somehow the hand-omest and brightest bables in Resoldyn church, itself only a year or so old. He that as it which Schatter Chandler has introduced an appromay, there were many handsome bables brought for printion bill, is the improved submarine gun and

claims the woman as his legally wedded wife, made overtures to Cipriyano, agreeing to release his clain on the woman for \$50. Thereupon Cipriyano packed up his goods and made off. He was arrested yester day, and the case was set down for trial next week.

NEWS IN THE FIELD OF LABOR.

The strike of 400 earpenters, marble workers, house smiths, plumbers, skylight and cornice makers and tin and sheet iron workers continues on the Wilkes Build-ing and Brown Brothers' Building McMillett. An attempt at a settlement by a foreman of the con that the firm agree to employ only union men living men are confident of winning the strike, and assert that the arrest of the walking delegates, Charles Owens and Alfred Ashley, only strengthened the cause of the strikers. The board of walking delegates declare that it was not on account of any "Tammany pull" that the ball of Ashley and Owens was reduced from \$500

A strike of 500 cloakmakers belonging to the United A strike of 500 cloakmakers belonging to the United Cloakmakers' Union, who were employed by the Manhattan Cloak and Suit Company, was satisfactorily seatled yesterday by the company agreeing to sign a contract with the men and pay union wages. The strikers will all return to work to-morrow.

The 200 men out on strike in the cloak factory of Schwao & Co. retuse to return to work unless the firm grants all demands and signs a contract for a very with the union. year with the union.

The School Conference has decided to circulate 10,000 copies of the committee report, and reports of the mass meeting held on Wednesday, for the purpose

HE GAVE OFFENCE TO DEMAS STRONG. A different reason for the resignation of Drs.

Gibbons and Aldrich from their places as house sur geon and ambulance surgeon respectively, in the East ern District Hospital, was given by the anthorities of the institution yesterday from that assigned by the It was said that President Demas Strong objected to the act of Dr. Gibbons in naming a child of unknown parentage, born in the institution, after him and registering its name with the Board Health as Demas Strong. Mr. Strong forbade I Gibbons from thus using his name and laid to matter before the trustees when his wishes were de-regarded. The Instees were manifered. regarded. The trustees were unanimous in Dr. Gibbons to resign. Dr. Aldrich follow

NAVAL NEWS OF INTEREST

AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF THE ENTER-PRISE-FOR TORPEDO EXPERIMENTS.

The arrival of the sloop-of-war Enterprise from the European Squadron, it is expected, will furnish some interesting developments in the way of naval discipline as interpreted by some officers. The statements as contained in the Washington dispatches about the trouble on board that ship, the desertions of seventy or more sailors, the placing under arrest of Chief Engineer James Entwistle and Ensign George W. Kline by Commander B. H. McCalla, were not new to officers of the Navy generally, as these and other matters of official administration on that vessel, in addition to a scandalous affair that is reported to have occurred at a festival at Tunis attended by some of the officers, have been interesting topics of discussion for several weeks at the Navy Yard. When the vessel arrives, as she is expected to do within the next few days, even if she is returned to the European Squadron, as has been given out in the Washington dispatches, she will probably not go back with any of the officers and crew now on board, and it is anticipated that for a few weeks at least after her arrival details of officers will be busy with courts of inquiry and courts-martial for some of the officers and

Commander McCalla has the reputation of being a strict disciplinarian," but some of the officers characterize his interpretation of discipline as "tyranny." He is the officer who was with the American Squadron at Panama at the time of the revolt there in 1885. His charge against Ensign Kline is "sleeping on watch and denying The charge against Chief Engineer Entwistle is "insubordination," in that when the two were in conversation Chief Engineer Entwistle "talked back" to Commander McCalla when the latter was administering a reproof. It is also said that several of the men who deserted from the vessel are in this city, awaiting the arrival of the vessel, with the intention of giving themselves up, pleading an extenuation of their offences, and appearing as witnesses to the barsh treatment of the commander. It was rumored at the yard that one man who had charged the commander with brutal conduct intended to have him arrested upon arrival. But, as it is so well known that sailors are constitutional pessimists, public opinion should be held in reserve until the facts are officially reported.

DELAY TO THE NEW CRUISERS.

The centre keel-plates, the non-arrival of which have delayed the work this week on cruiser No. 7, have come, and now about threequarters of the keel have been laid, and the work of laying the vertical keel has been begun. The first of these was twenty feet long. If the material arrives without further delay, this work can be rapidly advanced, and soon some of the frames can be put in place. The work on the new forge and machine shops and on the railroad is advancing, and by the time these are needed for use they will be ready.

A gang of sailors was busy yesterday in the yard, hammering merrily away at the bottom of the torpedo-boat Alarm, now in the drydock. This work will probably be finished some time this week, but it has been found that the Alarm's bottom plates are not in as bad condition as

this work will probably be missiant some that the Alarm's bottom plates are not in as bad condition as the first inspection snowed. A little pitting or corrosion has been discovered, but it will probably only be necessary to scrape and paint the bottom, which is to be done when the enipping work is finished. Before the 6-inch rifle is mounted in her bow, to take the place of the big 15-inch muzzle-loading gun now there, it will be necessary to do some ditting work.

The Essex is approaching completion, and it will probably not be many weeks before she will be ready to go into commission. Her engines are about ready for dock trial.

Commander Bradford, of the Bureau of Equipment, in charge of the electric lighting department, was at the yard yesterday, and the work of putting an electric-light plant into the Navy Yard goes on. The lower part of the building in which are the offices of the Naval Constructors is being cleared out, and into this the engines are to be put.

A large amount of condemned Navy stores, comprising ninety-three lots, are to be sold at public auction at the Navy Yard on February 25. The stores consist of provisions and clothing which have been condemned because they are no longer suitable for use on American naval vessels. Among them are 74,637 pounds of sat bordin, or pilot bread, or, as the sailors call it, "hard tack"; 17,150 pounds of salt pork in barrels; several barrels of salt beef, a large amount of vinegar, a number of barrels of flour, 3,332 pounds of salt pork in barrels; several barrels of salt beef, a large amount of vinegar, a number of barrels of flour, 3,332 pounds of salt pork in barrels; several barrels of salt beef, a large amount of vinegar, a number of barrels of flour, 3,332 pounds of salt pork in barrels; several barrels of salt beef, a large amount of vinegar, a number of barrels of flour, 3,332 pounds of salt pork in barrels; several barrels of salt beef, a large amount of some pounds of the continue. The pounds of the continue of the pounds of the flour, 3,332 poun

FOR SUBMARINE TORPEDO EXPERIMENTS. When the repairs on the Alarm are completed and the vessel is ready for service, she will be put into commission and sent to Newport for experimental purposes by the Torpedo Board. One of the newest devices of submarine torpedo, to which the attention of the Secretary of the Navy has been called, and for the experiments upon may, there were many handsome bables brought for haptism last sanday morning, and among them a dainty, black haired, bright-eyed two or three months old little granddaughter of Dr. Meredith, nestling in her father's arms. Standing beside the proof yoing father was the happy, radiant faced wife and mother. When Dr. Meredith had gone through the baptism of the other babies in his wonderfully bender and impressive manner, he came at last to his little hielding granddaughter. Then he took the babe lovingly in his great brawny arms and baptised it fitten, and every mother in that vast congregation seemed to want to get hold of that baby that she might hug it.

MIXED MARITAL RELATIONS.

Constants be Lucea, a pretty Italian weman, who has been known as the wife of Michiele De Lucea, a sculptor, appeared in the Lee Avenus Folice Court veterday as complainant against Nicolo Chrivano, whom she charges with abandonment. It appears that she was married to (Cipriyano in June last by Justice Petterson. Sinci then, it is said, the sculptor, who claims the woman as his lexally wedded wife, made

on the sloop-of-war Quinnebaug, in the Euro-

POPULARITY OF INDOOR BASEBALL.

HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED AT THE 13TH REGI-MENT ARMORY IN BROOKLYN.

has introduced at its armory have been attracting much attention of late, not only from other regiments. from the lovers of the National game throughout the city. Indeed, the name and the fame of the 13th Regiment game have gone abroad to such an extent that it is said that the 7th and 12th Regiments in New York, as well as the 14th and 47th Regiments in Brooklyn, contemplate the formation of baseball assoclations within their respective regiments and the organization of company teams.

The idea of playing ball in the armory originated

in the mind of Sergeant Nash, of Company E, one night when he saw several members of the regiment on the there practising catching and throwing. He thought that the practising night be carried still further and that, if the various companies would organize nines. a game of ball might be played in the drill-room that would differ but little from the games played on the ball fields out of doors. Six of the companies in the regiment, namely, Companies B. E. F. H. K and the Cadets, took hold of the scheme with a will, organized a team for each company, which were combined into a regimental association. Company A also joined They paid an assessment of \$10 each into the fund of the association, which was organized in the latter part of November, and about the middle of the following month the first game was played.

The officers and directors of the association, which decides all disputed points among the teams, are as follows: President, Captain Luscomb, Company K; secretary, Sergeant Holden, Company II; treasurer Lieutenant Crolius, Company F; manager, Sergeant Nash, Company E; directors-Private Tworger, Company A; Private A. G. Morris, Company B; Private Applegate, Company E: Lieutenant Crollus, Company Private Wilson, Company H; Private Mapleson, Company K, and Private Sill, of the Cadets; the alternates being Sergeant Lane, Company A; Private Bennett, Company B; Private Lloyd, Company E: Private Graham, Company F: Corporal Brother-

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hood, Company H; Corporal Barrett, Company K, and Sergeant McAfee, of the Cadets.
As soon as the first game was played it was

apparent that the 13th had hit upon a new departure in the way of indoor sports, and one that had come to stay. The distance between the bases, that from the three points of the diamond, and the home plate. were placed five yards less apart than the regulation he received his distance. But in other respects there was no devia-e was ready to tion from the established measurement. It was seen that the uniforms of the players were like those usually worn, with the exception of the rubber slippers which replaced the spiked shoes. The bats used were the lightest of the regulation pattern, and the ball, the lightest of the regulation pattern, and the ball, made by winding a rubber lawn tennis ball with yarn and then covering it, was two onnees lighter than the customary weight of nee and one-quarter ounces. As the players warmed to their work and proceeded to knock out one and two base-hits, it was apparent that something would have to be done to protect the gan cases on the right-hand side of the drill floor and the windows on two of the other sides. So they were covered with wire netting, and but one window has been broken during the two months in which the playing has gone on. That was in an out-of-the-way corner of the second floor behind the galleries.

Certain house rules have been adopted akin to the ground rules of certain ball fields. To send the ball into the left-hand gallery counts as a two-base hit, while putting it into the gallery at the extreme end of the armory, nearly 200 feet distant from the striker, counts as a three-base hit. As for the playing itself, the most exacting "crank" would find it entertaining. There is pretty near as much sharp and shappy work done in the armory as can be done on the open field. There is plenty of swift base-running and sliding to bases as well. Oftentimes one side sints out another without a single run, double plays are frequently made, there is plenty of smart fielding, and pitchers retire on strikes the batters of the opposite side just as often as they would probably be able to do on the greensward. The crowds in the galleries shout for their favorite nines with the same vociferous energy they display at Washington Park or the Polo Grounds. To such an extent has the baseball fever taken hole of the members of the regiment, that they are already making arrangments to play a series of outdoor gamed during the summer months. They have, however, at least two months more of playing ahead of them before the indoor championship is decided. made by winding a rubber lawn tennis ball with yarn

THE DEATH OF JAMES A. COWING.

James A. Cowing died suddenly at his home, Na. 119 State-st., on Friday night. He was seventy-eight years old. Five weeks ago he had a stroke of apoplexy, after which he was attacked by pneumonia-A second stroke of apoplexy caused his death. Mr. Cowing was born in Chesterfield, Mass., and when sixteen years old went to Ruffalo, where he was omployed as a clerk for some time, and afterward started for himself in the forwarding and commission business. He came to New-York in 1837, and for a number of He came to New-York in 1837, and for a number of vears was well known in the flour commission trade. The last business he was actively engaged in was in connection with the original New-York Elevated Railroad, in which he was interested until it was consolidated with the Manhattan Company. He had lived in the State st. house for thirty-eight years and was a senior warden of Christ Church. The funeral will take place at his home on Monday 124 2 m. The burial will be at Greenwood.